Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, James Richard Keyes began work for the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of South Dakota on August 1, 1976; and,

Whereas, More than 30 AGC Board of Directors' presidents, countless members and committee members have enjoyed Jim's wise counsel and expertise over the years; and,

Whereas, Jim earned several state and national awards for the AGC during his tenure; and,

Whereas, Jim has represented numerous construction issues to the state legislature over the past three decades; and,

Whereas, Jim successfully coordinated the interests of many groups, resulting in better roads for the state, and ably represented the interests of the Land Improvement Contractors Association for many years; and,

Whereas, Jim has served his community as a volunteer leader for the Boy Scouts, his church and other youth activities; and,

Whereas, Jim and his wife, Carmen, are proud of their three children and four grandchildren and enjoy spending time with them, and their marriage thrives despite the "antique" car collection; and,

Whereas, Jim looks forward to his "golden years" when he and Carmen plan to purchase and ride motorcycles and will have the time to travel more extensively; and,

Whereas, A celebration of Jim's distinguished career is planned for June 14, 2006, and he will begin his life as an "Official Retired Person" on August 1, 2006:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to thank and honor Jim for his outstanding leadership.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State